

Abstract

The present invention provides compositions and methods for regulating immune system reactions by biasing T cell responses away from Th1 or Th2 responses in a pre-determined manner. Control is effected at the stage of antigen/APC encounter and/or at the stage of APC/T cell encounter. In preferred embodiments, a Th1 or Th2 response is inhibited through induction of the alternative response. The inventive methods and reagents are particularly useful for the management of autoimmune disorders, allergy, and asthma.